

00398

1962/09/27

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

COUNTRY Cuba REPORT NO. [redacted]
SUBJECT Possible Missile Site in Havana DATE DIST. 27 Sep 62
NO. PAGES 2
REFERENCES [redacted]

DATE OF INFO. To 12 Sep 62 HED
PLACE & DATE ACQ. Havana/12 Sep 62 GREECE PM

SOURCE: "Other national."

- After dark on 12 Sep 62, I was driving east on Avenue E3, Marimbo, Havana, when I observed and counted 20 Soviet trucks towing 20 long trailers going west on Avenue E3. The truck convoy was preceded by a jeep containing militia. The trucks were driven by Soviets in civilian clothes -- short-sleeved shirts in various colors.
 - As the truck convoy neared its destination at Campo Libertad, the militia jeep was waved off, and the Soviet trucks and trailers proceeded into Campo Libertad.
 - The trucks appeared to be the 6x6, ZIL-137, canvas-covered. [Source described these and later identified them from photographs] In the backs of the trucks could be seen sealed black boxes or cases of various sizes. I do not know what these boxes contained.
 - The trailers, the longest I have ever seen in Cuba, were two-axle, four-wheeled. They were about 65 to 70 feet in length and about eight feet in width.
 - I believe the transport trailers were carrying large missiles, so long that the tail end extended over the end of the trailer. I would guess that the missiles were a few feet longer than the trailers. The missiles were covered with wood and canvas. From the tail end of the missile it looked as if the entire missile and two sides of the missile had a wooden frame, and the front of the missile was canvas-covered. It looked as if the tail end of the missile was canvas-covered. The top of the four fins of the four fins of the missile. The top of the canvas-covered missile was taller than the top of the truck carrying it. I am not positive that the trailer was carrying

GROUP 1
**Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification**

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRALIA-L 60-K-3,219,040

-2-

a missile, but it surely looked that way. [Source described, then drew rough sketches of, the missile silhouette and tail fin silhouette; later, from photographs, he identified Guided Missile, Surface-to-Surface, SS-4 "Syster," [REDACTED]

6. I do not know where the truck convoy originated.

[REDACTED] told me that Soviet cargo ships, names unknown, had docked at the Flota Blanca piers around 10 or 11 Sep 62. He told me that all Cuban dockworkers and other Cubans who worked in that area were forbidden to be in the area during the unloading of the ships and that the unloading was handled only by Sovbloc personnel. He said the cargo unloaded at the Flota Blanca docks consisted of missiles. I do not know where he got his information, but he is usually pretty reliable.

[REDACTED]

- end -